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DAYTON, Ohio, September 21, 1973 --- Tariq (Terry) Malik, a graduate teaching assistant in the English department has been awarded the Rhodes Scholarship to study English literature in Oxford, England.

A native of Pakistan, Tariq came to UD last year from the Government College, Lahore where he received a Master's degree and was honored as the finest scholar in that nation's University system.

While in Pakistan, Tariq distinguished himself as a poet in English. He has published his works in Pakistan Review, Venture, Pakistan Quarterly, Vision, as well as an anthology of Pakistani poets writing in English.

"There is a substantial English speaking audience in Pakistan," he comments, "an audience prepared by the British school system. We utilize the English language in the 'English Poetry Movement' but not the traditions of Great Britain; our ideas are taken from the Pakistani environment.

"We seek to evolve a Pakistani idiom in the English language. To English poetry, it will be recognized as a unique expression of style."

During his early schooling, he attended several schools run by the British or Irish missions. He received the F.A. degree in 1967 and a scholarship for the B.A. which he received in 1969. He edited the college paper and received honors for his contributions to the college's literary magazine, The Ravi.

Tariq was also one of six poets chosen for a televised poetry reading in Pakistan.

Research on American Universities through the U.S. Information Service in Pakistan, Tariq Malik first learned about UD and admits he was excited to come to the US on a teaching assistantship granted by UD's English department.

His stay here has been "a stimulating experience." He especially enjoyed the interaction with UD students in his teaching and says he found them "surprisingly mature people."

"Academic atmosphere here at UD is considerably freer than in Pakistan. "If I can single out one graduate course at UD, it would be 'Images of Women in World Literature.'

"I hope eventually to return to the US; I would like to come back to UD to teach and finish my M.A. studies in English.

Tariq will leave in mid-October, and hopes to find a ride to New York where he has booked ocean passage to England. He will receive full tuition and a stipend of \$950, about \$3000. The scholarship which is awarded for academic excellence, strength of character, proficiency in sports, and concern for human interests, is renewable for as long as three years.